

### THIRD EDITION.

#### "THE PEOPLE" OFFICE.

Saturday Evening.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)

#### PADLEWSKI BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN LONDON.

PARIS, December 27.—The Press understands that the police are upon Padlewski's track, and that two police officers left Paris yesterday evening, their destination being unknown. The Gaulois says that he is hiding in London.

PARIS, December 28.—It is declared this morning that a strict investigation of the circumstances attending the death of General Padlewski has established the fact that Padlewski, who had committed the crime, took the half-past one p.m. train for Calais, where he stayed three hours. He then went to Roubaix, whence he proceeded by the six a.m. train the following day to Belgium. There all trace of him was lost. On the other hand, however, Colonel Popoff, chief of the 8th Petersburg police, who has been named by the Paris Correspondence, has been persuaded that Padlewski had embarked at Brindisi for Varna, Bulgaria, being the only country where Padlewski could find protection. Colonel Popoff added that information received by him from private sources confirmed this hypothesis. A telegram to the effect that the arrest of Padlewski in the city of Grigoriev, who was sentenced by the Paris Correctional Tribunal to eight months' imprisonment for aiding and abetting the escape of Padlewski. The telegram adds that he is being sent back to France.

#### MESSEURS O'BRIEN AND GILL IN PARIS.

PARIS, December 28.—Messrs. William O'Brien and Gill arrived here this morning by the 11.6 p.m. train from Boulogne. Mr. O'Brien at once proceeded to the residence of M. Madalovich, his father-in-law, in the Avenue Hoche.

(DAILY NEWS TELEGRAMS.)

#### PROPOSED EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT IN BRAZIL.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—It is reported here that a company is about to be organized in Brazil, with a capital of \$25,000,000, mostly subscribed by European capitalists, for the purpose of establishing twenty agricultural settlements on public land which has been conceded free for that purpose. The scheme includes also the building of lines of railway between these settlements and the markets of the country, and it is also proposed to carry on engineering, mining, and manufacturing work. As the nucleus of the new colony 5,000 families are to be brought out free of charge and furnished with tools and houses. The Federal State Government offers, it is stated, a guarantee of 5 per cent. on one-third of the capital.

#### THE INDIAN RISING.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The report recently published by the papers here that Big Foot and his followers had surrendered is now declared to be erroneous. The rebel chief had promised to do so, but he escaped, and he joined the hostile Indians in Bad Lands. The mission of the friendly Indians to the rebels' camp having failed, an early forward movement of the troops is expected. The latest despatches announce that a force of cavalry, numbering eighty men, is surrounded by 500 hostiles, in one of the worst spots in Bad Lands. Reinforcements are being pushed forward to their relief.

#### AN AMERICAN MURDERER.

DOVER (New Hampshire), December 28.—A local favorite yesterday found guilty of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be hanged on the first Tuesday in January, 1892. Sawtell murdered his brother, Hiram Sawtell, last February in order to obtain two property which his father had left the murdered man, while Isaac was in gaol for some minor offence. The evidence was purely circumstantial, the chief points of interest being the identification of the headless body found buried in the woods in Maine, and whether the murder had been committed in that State, where hanging has been abolished.

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—At the White House Christmas was celebrated by a large Christmas tree in President Harrison's library. It was hung with presents for a large number of children, who were present at the festivities. All the President's family were gathered together, and all the children of the different members of the Cabinet and of the members of the House of Representatives were present. At the British legation there were great festivities. When Sir Julian Pauncefote and family came down to breakfast they found the table heaped with presents all down the centre. The family are great favourites in Washington, and received a large number of gifts. They went to church at eleven, and lunched at two. A grand dinner party took place later.

#### FALL OF A GRAND STAND.

A baseball match on Friday afternoon at Redruth, a large stand, on which about 1,000 people were assembled, suddenly collapsed, and the occupants were precipitated to the ground. When they were extricated it was found that nearly all had escaped serious injury. Four men had already been medically treated, and were removed on stretchers, and several others received slight injuries.

The negotiations for a definite settlement of the Virginia Debt have at length arrived at a stage foreshadowing an early success. As will be seen from our advertisement columns, a plan has already been devised, which has not only received the undivided support of both the New York and London committees, so that all that is now required is the acceptance by the Virginia Legislature of the terms proposed. Every effort has been made to limit the possibility of any ultimate disagreement. The Council of Foreign Bondholders at their meeting, under the presidency of Sir John Lubbock, Bart., have fully endorsed this arrangement.

#### GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE.

##### VIOLENCE AND OUTRAGE.

OVER 8,000 MEN OUT.

The strike of Scotch railway servants has resulted in a serious condition of affairs, the goods and passenger traffic on the systems connected with Edinburgh and Glasgow being completely paralysed. Trains were despatched on Tuesday at long intervals, but scarcely any arrived, some of them being stopped on the way owing to the signals being against them. Similar reports of disorganized traffic come from Perth, Dundee, Greenock, &c. Notice has been given to the Midland Company, that pending further arrangements, it will not accept perishable traffic for delivery north of Carlisle. A Glasgow correspondent telegraphs that the strike, so far as the North British Railway is concerned, is decidedly worse, and there is a complete cessation of work on the underground section. The doors at Charing Cross are closed, while at Greenock no officials are seen on the platform but a few ticket-collectors, who say that only one train arrived on Wednesday, and that from Airdrie. On the high level only the London train and another train from Edinburgh have reached Glasgow. The Dumbartonshire route is at a complete standstill, and gentlemen, who have hired cabs and other vehicles, at Mount Vernon the business gentlemen congregated on the railway platform, and decided to march in a body to Glasgow. They accomplished the distance in about two hours. General business in Glasgow and the West of Scotland is paralysed, and Glasgow is threatened with a coal famine. On Wednesday, in many depots coals could not be got, and any that was sold realised an advance of 7s. per 24 cwt. There were rumours in the city that the gas companies would soon be in straits for coal, and if this should happen Glasgow and the neighbourhood will be thrown into darkness. On Wednesday the city was enveloped in fog, and gas was being burned everywhere. Coalmasters could not fulfil their contracts, and several were trying to make arrangements to have coals conveyed by sea from Lyrishire to Glasgow Harbour. Should they succeed in this, it is likely that the railway servants will endeavour to stop any labourers who might be inclined to work at the quays. Steamers cannot get their supplies. The public are beginning to cry out that some settlement must be arrived at. The signalmen on the City Union Railway have joined the strikers, and several passenger drivers on the Caledonian system, whose engines were housed at Polmadie, have come out. It is calculated that over the three great systems there are 8,000 men on strike.

#### ATTEMPT TO UPSET A TRAIN.

A telegram from Glasgow states that on Thursday night a gentleman who happened to travel on the up-line between Thirlestank and Glasgow, on the Caledonian Railway, noticed an isolated part of the line railway cut, fastened on the down rail. He informed the Giffnock station-master what he had seen, and the chair, which was firmly fastened, was wrenched off. Fortunately the discovery was made shortly before the twenty to two p.m. train from East Kilbride to Glasgow had been the last train to leave the station. The matter has been reported to the police. Work at Stobcross depot remains at a complete standstill. Disturbances have arisen at various places, and stones freely used. Two engine-drivers who arrived at Motherwell were found to have sustained injuries to the head, requiring medical treatment, in consequence of stones having been thrown at them from several of the railway bridges.

#### A COAL FAMINE.

The coal famine in Glasgow and the West of Scotland has commenced in earnest, 18.5d. being paid per cwt., whereas a few days ago the price was 10d. So complete was the stagnation at Cook-street depot that on Thursday morning not a single individual beyond the gateman was in the station. There was not the least probability of any one putting out a train, and several passenger pickets did not consider it necessary to devote attention to the centre. The vigilance at Gushetfauld was also relaxed, attention being mainly directed to Polmadie Bridge and the vicinity. The signal-box there, which, together with another farther west, was filled with non-unionists, was kept under keen observation, the men apparently determined to make the "blacklegs" run the gauntlet of argument and persuasion or remain prisoners in the signal-boxes.

#### THE EFFECTS IN LONDON.

The effects of the strike were more marked in London. The principal railway terminal in London—St. Pancras, King's Cross, and Euston. The trains due to arrive at these stations from Aberdeen, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Perth, and other Scottish centres were all out behind time on Wednesday, they being in one or two cases nearly four hours late. This was the case at King's Cross, where part of the train due to arrive from Edinburgh at 6.30 did not arrive until nearly 11.0 p.m. At Euston the train due to arrive from Edinburgh at 6.45 was over an hour late, while the later trains were signalled as being considerably behind time. At St. Pancras the traffic, as far as the Scotch trains were concerned, was equally displaced, and Perth being an hour and a half late, while that due to arrive at 8 p.m. was signalled along the line at Euston a telegram was received from Carlisle stating that up to 7 p.m. the passenger service had been maintained, but asking the officials at Euston to hold back local goods traffic. The train leaving Euston at 8 p.m. for Stannar was also two hours late in the arriving at destination. The passenger officials, however, state that the passenger traffic has so far suffered most. Making every allowance for the season of the year, from which, of course, a certain amount of delay is inseparable, it is admitted that difficulties are being met with as a consequence of the strike. The Scotch express due at St. Pancras at 9 p.m. was two hours and twenty minutes late. In many of the carriages the lights had gone out, and the train was a very heavy one. According to the passenger statements there had been no appreciable delay after leaving Scotland. As a matter of fact, some of the last time was regained. Between Aberdeen and Carlisle, however, it was with the utmost difficulty that the through carriage was coupled on to the remainder of the train, as none of the ordinary couplers were at work.

#### LATEST DETAILS.

News from Scotland seems to indicate that the strike is approaching a termination in favour of the companies. The Caledonian Railway officials declare that the strike is practically over, so far as they are concerned, as they have 6,000 men working, and out of the 900 men out many have had their places filled up. The strikers as a body still express confidence in their capacity to bring the companies to their knees, and they are able to point to the fact that the position of affairs on the North British and the Glasgow and South-Western lines remains practically unchanged. Thirty-five English engine-drivers were engaged by the Caledonian Railway Company at the St. Station during Friday. In consequence of the total cessation of mineral traffic it was expected that several Lanarkshire pits and some large factories would be closed on Friday night. The strike leaders declare that full 9,000 men are out, and say they are prepared to continue the strike for six weeks. The directors of the railway companies express their willingness to treat direct with the men, but decline to allow the presence of union officials at any interview. At a meeting of Edinburgh citizens held on Friday, an industrial committee was appointed for the purpose of conferring, if it should be found desirable, with the directors and the representatives of the men with the view of bringing about a settlement of the dispute.

#### ATTEMPTED MURDERS IN LONDON.

On Friday afternoon a desperate attempt at murder took place in Westminster, in a public-house close to the Broadway. Two men, whose names are said to be McCarthy and Ernest Watts, were drinking together, when McCarthy, it is said, decided to get another drinking glass of beer that he had paid for. Watts denied this, and an argument ensued, which terminated in McCarthy pulling out of his trousers pocket a large knife, which he plunged into Watts' breast. Watts fell to the ground, crying out, "I am stabbed." McCarthy pulled him up, and the police being sent for, he was conveyed to Westminster Hospital, which is close by. Here the man McCarthy again threatened to stab Watts. One of the attendants of the hospital fetched the police, and the man was taken into custody, on his own confession, for having stabbed Watts. The latter was found to have received a most serious wound, the point of the knife having penetrated within a quarter of an inch of the main artery. The unfortunate man was taken to one of the wards, and his assailant was conveyed in custody to King-street. At a late hour on Friday night a man named Puntum made an attack on Mrs. Emma Clarke, widow of Turner's Retreat, Bermondsey, and inflicted a severe wound in her throat with a table knife. The doctor said that if the cut had been an inch deeper it would have proved fatal. The woman is in a serious condition at Guy's Hospital. After committing the crime Puntum made off to Deptford, but early next morning he was apprehended there by Inspector Moss and Detective-sergeant Bradford. Subsequently he was conveyed to Bermondsey Police Office and charged with attempting to murder the woman.

#### ROBBERIES AT GUY'S HOSPITAL.

Since Monday the police have been inquiring into two daring robberies which were committed at this hospital. The first took place in the block of buildings near the Thomas-street entrance, and numerous lady nurses and pupils. The door opening into the hall is generally left unfastened during the daytime, and on the morning in question a man entered the house, walked upstairs, and stole seven watches, besides a quantity of jewellery. It is reported that he even had the audacity to enter the apartment of one of the lady nurses, and take her watch. Off the nursing table whilst she was asleep in bed. He then walked across the square to the main entrance of the hospital, and passing down the corridor, entered a large establishment called Peterham House, which is occupied by the servants, wardmaids, &c. On the stairs he was met by one of the servants, and he said he was a quack, as to where he was, he said he was a lady nurse, and had come to attend to the frozen pupil. Shortly after this another servant, going to her room, missed her watch. She raised an alarm; but, in the meantime, the thief had taken his departure. A similar robbery was committed at the hospital a few months ago, but in a different part of the building.

#### AN UNSEASONABLE NOTICE.

Late on Wednesday afternoon the London and India Docks Joint Committee issued a circular warning their employees that all who had been employed by the committee less than ten years would not be required after December 31st, and advising them to seek other work. The notice affects some hundreds of men.

#### FATAL ICE ACCIDENT.

Two little girls ventured on Friday on the Monnow, at a spot where the ice was rotten, and both fell in. An older brother of one of them, aged 9 years, ran to the rescue, but was himself nearly drowned. His father, James Lewis, saved him and a girl named Morris, but Ada Lewis, aged 5, disappeared. Her body was recovered two hours afterwards. Several immersions near the same place occurred during the day, and one man nearly lost his life.

#### FIVE NEGROES LYNCHED.

It is reported that five negroes, who had been arrested for murder near Petersburg, Virginia, have been lynched by an angry mob.

George Newman, coachman at Radley College, near Oxford, was extracting a candle from a walking-stick gun when he happened to touch the trigger and the weapon exploded. The charge entered his stomach, and has resulted fatally.

#### "IN DARKEST ENGLAND."

Mr. Frank Smith has, it is stated, resigned his office in the Salvation Army. To the general public he is known as one of the few men outside Mr. Booth's relations or his connections by marriage who have attained high place in the Salvation Army. By those intimately acquainted with the organization the news of the resignation at this critical period will appear to be an announcement of a most important character, for it is not too much to say that in Mr. Smith was to be found one of the substantial guarantees that a earnest and business-like effort would be made to carry out the practical part of Mr. Booth's scheme. The Times believes that when the whole story of the authorship of "In Darkest England" comes to be known, it will be found that the ideas which are the vital parts of the scheme—the scheme of the city colony and the farm colony—had their origin in the mind of Mr. Frank Smith, and that these ideas were accepted most reluctantly by Mr. Booth. Mr. Smith, who was in charge of the social reform wing of the Salvation Army, has not been expelled, as many officers have been before now, for refusal to obey orders, and he is not a man simply resigned because he is another man's subordinate. He is a man of principle, for those who are familiar with the inner workings of the Army know that Mr. Smith has always been of opinion that it was before all things necessary to keep the social working of the scheme as distinct as possible from the religious work. Mr. Booth's method of inviting subscriptions, in spite of an apparent willingness that funds should be applied, lends to the mingling of all separate funds into one common fund. He suggests, for example, that those who disapprove of the matrimonial bureau may subscribe to some other specific department; but it is obvious that every contribution to a specific department sets a proportionate amount of the general fund at the disposal of the general discretion. It is quite possible that Mr. Smith's resignation may prove the death blow to Mr. Booth's more ambitious schemes.

It is announced from the headquarters of the Salvation Army that Colonel Cadman has been appointed to take charge of the social operations of the Salvation Army in succession to Commissioner Smith.

#### OUTRAGE ON AN IRISH BISHOP.

The following particulars of a recent outrage on Bishop Healy, of Clonfert, are stated to be from a trustworthy source. It appears that the bishop, when on his visitation, preached a sermon against secret societies. He dined with the parish priest, and that night, when all were in bed, a revolver was fired into the dining-room, the only damage done being a picture broken. The bishop slept undisturbed in his room, and he appears to have heard nothing of the outrage even until morning, the parish priest having substituted another picture for the one hit. These are the facts that have lately leaked out, for the parish priest appears most anxious to hush up the affair. It was apparently the work of some secret society man, and done out of bravado to show he did not care for priest or bishop.

#### ALARMING GAS EXPLOSIONS.

An explosion of gas occurred shortly before eight o'clock on Thursday night at No. 27, Kilburn Priory, Kilburn, at the private house of Mr. M. Goldby. The entire house of ten rooms was wrecked, and Mr. Edward Protheroe, 38, was seriously burnt. He was removed to a hospital. The explosion was an explosion of gas, and occurred at the Priory of a public-house, 154, Drury-lane, and while the first floor was most damaged, Frederick Biddos and Louisa Rose were burnt about the face and hands.

#### DARING CASH-BOX ROBBERY.

John Johnson, 24, tailor, of Cross-street, Tottenham Court-road, was charged, at the Tottenham Court-road Police Court, on Friday, with being concerned with Henry Clifford (already under sentence) in stealing a cash-box and 232 from the office of the Pacific Publishing Company, Holloway-road. The robbery took place on the 25th of August last, on which day John J. Gibson, clerk to the prosecutor, said the prisoner and Clifford came to the office, the latter said he had called to collect an account, but witness said the people he wanted had gone. Whilst thus engaged witness supposed that Clifford had gone into the office and abstracted the cash-box. The empty box was found later on in the Holloway-road. About a month after this Mr. Gibson was in St. Paul's Churchyard, when he had collected and eventually sent to the man Clifford. The prisoner said he had called to collect an account, but witness said the people he wanted had gone. Whilst thus engaged witness supposed that Clifford had gone into the office and abstracted the cash-box. The empty box was found later on in the Holloway-road. About a month after this Mr. Gibson was in St. Paul's Churchyard, when he had collected and eventually sent to the man Clifford.

#### SUICIDE OF MR. WILLIAM LANT.

Mr. William Lant Carpenter committed suicide on Wednesday morning at his residence, 56, Craven Park, Harpenden, one of the suburbs of London, under very distressing circumstances. For some time past he had shown signs of failing mental power, and had been under the care of an assistant. Lately there seemed to be signs of an improvement in his condition, and the tragic manner in which he ended his existence came as a surprise and a great shock to his friends. About a quarter past eight in the morning a noise was heard in his bed-room of which no particular notice seems to have been taken, but soon afterwards, as he did not come down to breakfast, his son, Mr. Harold Carpenter, went to his bed-room, and he was horrified to find his father lying across the bed with blood flowing from his mouth. In his hand was an old-fashioned five-chambered revolver, one of the chambers of which had recently been discharged, while all the others were empty. Appearances pointed to the conclusion that he had placed the weapon in his mouth and fired the contents up through the roof of the mouth into the brain. Dr. Burgess, a medical gentleman residing in the locality, was at once summoned to the house, and an examination by him showed that Mr. Carpenter was dead. The deceased, who was well known in the scientific world, was a mechanical engineer by profession, and 59 years of age. He was prominently connected with the educational and philanthropic institutions of London. At the inquest held on Friday, the jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind.

#### SUICIDE OF A SOLICITOR.

Mr. Joseph Bodoggen, a well-known solicitor at Warwick, committed suicide on Friday by hanging himself in his office. He had been greatly depressed for the past month, but the cause was unknown to his friends. The deceased was a prominent Freeman and an ex-town councillor. He leaves a widow and four children.

#### SUICIDE AT SEA.

The White Star steamer Britannia, Captain Davidson, has arrived at Queenstown from New York, and reports that a stevedore passenger named John Murphy committed suicide on Wednesday at noon by jumping overboard. The stevedore was quickly picked up and a boat launched, but the unfortunate man disappeared before it could reach him.

#### FOUND HANGED.

Mr. John Toogood, manager to Messrs. Wadman and Co., millers, was found on Christmas Day hanging in the hay-loft over the premises in Grange-road, Bermondsey. The cause of his suicide cannot be ascribed, but it is known that he had for some time been suffering from a very painful illness.

#### FIRE AT A CYCLISTS' CLUB.

The Cyclists' Club, at 8, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday. The flames broke out from an unknown cause in the basement, and, running up the lift, attacked the premises above. The fire was quickly stopped, but it is known that he had for some time been suffering from a very painful illness.

#### SHOCKING GUN FATALITY.

Joseph Gadsden, of Brompton, died near Stourbridge, having met his death while cleaning a gun. He blew down the barrel while his son held a candle to the nipple. The gun, unknown to Gadsden, was loaded, and went off, inflicting deadly wounds on the unfortunate man, who survived only two hours.

#### A REMARKABLE ACCIDENT.

A curious accident is described in from. A boy was engaged in working on a small spindle, held in the chuck of a lathe. In the end of this spindle was a 1-inch tapered hole. The boy placed the end of his little finger in this hole while the lathe was running, and, of course, the finger was drawn in by the thread. He stopped the machine quickly enough to prevent twisting his finger off. He then took the piece out of the chuck, and undertook to unscrew, but found this impossible without seriously injuring the finger. The only way out of the predicament was to place the spindle in a bench-vise and back-saw the end off close to the end of the finger. The piece was then put in a planer, and a slot about 1 1/2 inch of the imprisoned finger. This was a slow operation on account of the metal heating and becoming unbearable to the patient, in which case it was necessary to stop and cool it with water. After the planing operation was completed the piece was placed in a bench vice again, and a wedge driven into one of the planed slots, which spread the piece open, and allowed the much mutilated member to be removed. Strange to say, no pain was felt by the boy until the piece was wedged apart, although the operation of freeing his finger took just an hour.

#### A PLAGUE OF RATS.

The rat plague is still very prevalent in the Lincolnshire fen district, and farmers are suffering serious losses in consequence. Although the numbers have been considerably reduced, yet in some places the pestiferous vermin are still very numerous. The killing was not so much as in winter, the rats have alarmingly increased within the past few months. Many of the new corn stacks already swarmed with the rodents, and the mangold and the potato graves have also suffered considerably. Nearly every experiment has been tried with the object of extermination, some have proved beneficial, but the majority useless. The ratcatcher's system of ferreting has been attended with the best results—an enormous number of rats having been slaughtered in this way. On one farm it is said that one man alone has killed over 5,000 this year. Farmers are offering 2d. and 3d. per rat, and ratcatchers are at work nearly every day.

A fire broke out on Friday in the bakery of the Wellington Co-operative Stores. The bakery and two rooms filled with provisions were completely gutted.

#### THE LORD GARDWELL ACT AND THE ROYAL HORSE GUARDS.

IMPORTANT DECISION OF THE WAR OFFICE.

The application of John Higham, of 2, Redhill-place, Regent's Park, for a deferred pension under the terms of the Lord Gardwell Act, and in accordance with the War Office's Pension Regulations of March 1st, 1888, as inserted in the regimental book, has, after the full and personal consideration of the Secretary of State for War, been decided. The decision of Mr. Stanhope will be read with interest, not only by 105 old ex-servants of the Household Cavalry, who, like John Higham, retired with only one very good conduct badge after twelve years' service, and who claim the benefits provided by the Act, but by military men generally. Higham joined the 5th in 1868, and retired in 1880 with one distinguishing mark. On attaining his 30th birthday, he was to have received a pension of fourpence a day. His application to General Bullard, who named his discharge, but the general refused him to headquarters. The man could neither read nor write, and as some important changes were taking place in the War Department at the time Higham was put off. Subsequently he was officially informed that his name must be registered at the Chelsea Hospital. His wife died, and he was placed in the hands of Dr. Whitford, of St. John's Wood-terrace, Regent's Park, who communicated with the authorities without any satisfactory result. When General Bullard returned from India he was surprised that Higham was unsuccessful, but owing to particular circumstances was unable to further interfere on Higham's behalf. Luckily, however, Higham preserved his discharge, and regimental account book, which were laid before the member for West St. Pancras by Dr. Whitford last month. They have been under official examination ever since. George Knight who was found in Marylebone Workhouse, the other day, a twelve years' service man with two good conduct badges, is only receiving 4s. instead of 5d. per day, per the Lord Gardwell Act, in respect to his distinguishing mark. Higham's discharge, dated "Home Guard, October 29th, 1880," and signed by General Bullard, says: "Character good; possession of one good conduct badge." Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., has now received the following reply from the Secretary of State for War:—*Lord Howe-Gardner, War Office, Pall Mall, 28th December, 1890.*—Sir, With further reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, on behalf of John Higham, late Royal Horse Guards, I am directed to acquaint you that, after giving the man's case the fullest consideration, the Secretary of State for War regrets that he has no power under the regulations to entertain his application for a deferred pension. I am to add that the delay which has occurred in this case is owing to Mr. Stanhope's desire that it should receive his full and personal consideration. The enclosures of your letter are herewith returned. I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant, J. H. Knox.—H. L. W. Lawson, Esq., M.P. Of course, the purpose of the Act is to give the 105 who have made application to Mr. Lawson, M.P., and Dr. Whitford during the past few weeks with reference to their claims on the War Office, as it will to all others who have served under similar conditions to John Higham. Mr. Stanhope, it is understood, will be questioned on the matter as soon as the House meets, and if the decision is that the pension regulation mentioned has been declared void by a more recent Act, Higham will, he says, place his case in the hands of counsel. The deferred pensions of all the applicants amount to nearly 40,000.

#### MR. CHAMBERLAIN AT BIRMINGHAM.

Mr. Chamberlain, M.P., attended on Friday to open a temporary winter garden, erected on the site of a permanent building, which is to be built in Corporation-street, Birmingham. The garden is to be a permanent one, and is to be a limited company on the express condition that the latter shall not apply for a license to sell intoxicating drinks. The building is occupied for the present by Mr. Riviere's orchestra for the purpose of promenade concerts. Mr. Chamberlain was accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain, and was enthusiastically greeted by a large company.

#### RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR WIMBORNE.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The inquest upon the body of Miss Elizabeth Worthington, who was killed in the railway collision near Wimborne, in Dorsetshire, was held on Friday. The evidence showed that the express from Bailey Gate and the light engine from Wimborne were signalled about the same time. The signalman, who put both signals to danger, said he was misled by the signal, and was stopped. Then he altered the signal for a Somerset train to come on. Immediately the light engine moved up the signal man shouted, "Go back! are you mad?" The Somerset train came up just then and dashed into the light engine. William Charles Squires, the driver of the light engine, said he stopped outside the station. The signalman told him to proceed was given, and he came on. He heard the signalman call to him as he passed, and just afterwards the fireman called out to him to get away, and that moment the collision occurred. The jury found that the accident was caused by the culpable negligence of William Charles Squires, the driver, and Albert John Stone, the fireman employed on the light engine, and returned a verdict of manslaughter against both. They exonerated the signalman from all blame. Squires and Stone were at once placed under arrest. The jury added a rider that the train approached Bournemouth at a great rate of speed. The ladies injured in the accident are reported to be progressing favourably.

#### KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

A telegram from New York says that at Memphis, while a negro was leaning against an iron post, to which a loose telephone wire had been tied, the line by some means crossed with an electric light cable, and the negro, passing through the unfortunate man's body, killed him on the spot.



BY HEBER K. DANIELS

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**PART VII.--A NEW YEAR'S GLEE.**

"Let 'em keep their new years," growled at humanity at large, as drew the brim of his hat down as his head, after the manner of a night cap, and lay back on the sidewalk watching the fire like some ill-proportioned idler on tombstone. "Let 'em keep them and welcome, for all good it will do them, with their call full of money and their pockets full of—"  
 —and he dropped off to sleep.

"I had a daughter called 'Jizzer' or said Daddie Zele, as he dropped voice into a lower and softer key, "her hair was curly and black, whereas is straight and looks as if it been out in a shower of rain and rusted all over. Excuse me, boys, but it isn't fashionable to give y colored hair the white name, an

"But you were unreasonable, father," she said with that love of non-compliance dear to the sex, as she tried to hold back, and looked half smiling, half tearfully, into his face. "You were unreasonable—now owing to it, and perhaps I'll say the same of myself. You own to it?" "Do I not?" cried Daddie. He was as kissed her cold

the magistrates sentenced a young married Ekell to three months' hard labour for stealing two sums of money in all 1s. 9d., from the coat pocket of a fellow servant. The sentence being considered too severe, an agitation was set on foot, and a memorial adopted for a mitigation of the punishment. An intimation has been received that the Home Secretary had reduced the sentence to six weeks.

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W. Lowe, of Peterborough, third, time 5min. 40sec.; C. G. Tebbutt fourth, 5min. 17.3-sec. Mr. Donoghue's time of 4min. 40sec. is the world's record. During the afternoon J. S. Sanderford set the English mile record, and made it in 5min. 56cc.

The ten mile open skating championship at Stratford, Conn., was won by Tom Pickering of Corvallis, Ore., time 23m. 10sec. He was second in 29m. 40cc., and young Turkey Shaver third, 46m. 15sec. The record time is 20m. 43sec. There were twelve competitors, and over 3,000 persons were present.

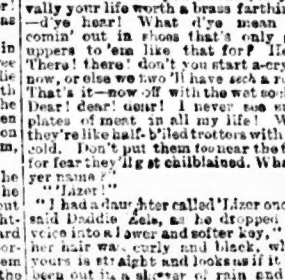
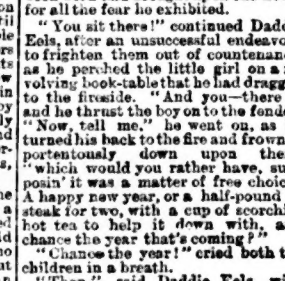
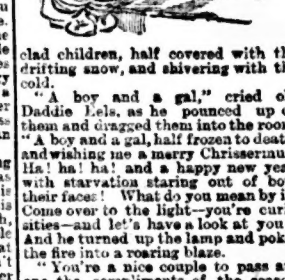
### PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

the American Government to refuse to agree to a policy of reciprocity with Canada. They further point out that it is not likely that the American people will favour reciprocity with a country whose statesmen declare that it is the only thing that will save them from ruin. The Americans will take for granted that by refusing reciprocity they will compel Canada to consent to annexation.

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**OLD IZAAK.**

I am in receipt of yet another letter from a London club angler, complaining that I do not devote any attention to the doings of the Anglers' Association. I have so often explained the reason of this that it is becoming wearisome. This column is intended for anglers generally, and for no association in particular. Therefore I will thank my correspondent to lodge his complaint to the officials of the Anglers' Association. The fault is theirs, not mine.

Many of our readers must have read Thackeray's "Pierrots Pantomime for Great and Small Children," entitled "The Boats and the King." It has been cleverly adapted to stage purposes by Mr. Savile Clarke, the numerous lyrics have been ably set to music by Mr. Walter Slaughter, and Mr. Horace Sedgwick has placed it on the stage of the Prince of Wales Theatre with his never-failing liberality and skill. Music plays a prominent part in the pantomime, and is a permissible title for a work in which spoken dialogue and vocal music carry on the action, and eminent vocalists are engaged in the performance. Miss Violet Cameron appeared as Giglio, which she and all her coadjutors persisted in mispronouncing "Ghielo," apparently unaware that in Italian words the G before an I is soft, like the English J. "Giglio" should be pronounced "Geeio," and I hope that Mr. Horace Sedgwick will correct a mistake which should not have been permitted at his well-managed theatre. Miss Cameron acted with spirit and grace, and sang in finished style. Miss Attalie Claire, as the housemaid, Betwidda, and afterwards as the Princess Rosalba, sang with dramatic power and a keen sense of the ludicrous. Miss Emma Amadi (Countess Griffois) and Miss M. M. Amadi (Countess Griffois) sang and acted capably; and a precocious child, Miss Empie Bowman, achieved a great success as Polly in Act I. and as General Funchobit in Act II. She is a born actress, and evoked roars of laughter on many occasions.

**OLLA PODRIDA.**—Mr. Henschel has received so many new subscriptions, in response to his recent appeal, that his symphony concerts will be continued.—Sir Charles Hallé has decided on giving one more orchestral concert in February next.—The guarantee fund of the Philharmonic Society for its ensuing season has reached the unprecedented amount of £22,570.—A large sum has been raised in Paris for the erection of a statue of George IV.

Another story appears in a Lahore paper which requires the proverbial grain of salt. A short time ago a large flight of locusts settled near a village. Everyone rushed out to drive them away, and one man left no one but an infant of six months old at home. On his return he could not see the child, but an immense heap of locusts were on the spot where he had been. He had to dig down through them for some distance, and at last came upon the child, who was killed and partly devoured by the insects. Of course, it is just possible that hungry locusts in a body might attack a small child in the same way as a pet rat in England, but it is hardly probable that a child would be so horribly mauled as the other day; but, unless it is to be treasured up to the bones and skin of the store, the locusts and the food on the sides of the store are equally inedible as vegetable matter, and he usually despises such food even as a human ostrich despises

A fair correspondent, apparently belonging to the domestic servant class, takes strong exception to the warning I lately gave to employers to beware of forged characters. It is her view that a servant is quite justified in forging a character when her last employer refuses to give one. That is to say, because one person exercises a strictly legal right, another person is entitled to commit one of the gravest crimes next to murder.

I must tell you of one of the loveliest evening dresses I was shown at a fashionable modistes the other day. The model was fresh from Paris. It was made of black silk

An ingenious young friend of mine, whose musical proclivities are almost as ardent as his love of cycling, is concentrating his intelligent mind on the production of a machine adapted to meet both requirements during winter. It is a combination of a home trainer and an organette; as the driving wheel of the former is rotated by the pedals, the mechanism of the latter is set in motion, and thus grinds forth delightful music. The inventor hopes to achieve greater things than this later on, his ambition even soaring to a full orchestra. In the meanwhile, however, he has to overcome the objections of certain musical neighbours who maintain that his machine makes a noise like a bicycle.

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By ARTHUR MORRISON.  
 Green Ford ought never to have married.

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the cracked bell hung above it, and an active little woman came from the back of the room. "Remember her. Did she

—he didn't remember her. "Bennett?"  
"Any one of the name of Bennett here?"  
"Did he mean Bennett the sweep and  
beater?"  
"No; he didn't mean the sweep. I  
Mrs. Bennett."  
"Aunt," called the little woman  
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**THE KILKENNY ELECTION.**  
**SPEECH BY MR. PARNELL.**

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Mr. Parnell on Wednesday went from Dublin to Glencaly and Arklow to make an inspection of his mines and quarries. He was cordially received by a large number of inhabitants, but did not make a speech. Mr. Parnell lunched with the parish priest, and left in time to join the Kingstown mail boat for London. The Press Association is informed that it has been finally decided to lodge a petition against the return of Sir John Pope Hennessy on the grounds of undue influence.

**GROSS INGRATITUDE.**  
At Wandsworth Police Court, Kate Harris, a young woman, who had recently been released from prison, was charged before Mr. Denman with stealing a black cloth jacket, two coats, and other articles of wearing apparel, value £4, the property of James Thomas, a tramway conductor, living in Sherwood-terrace, Balham.—The prisoner had undergone three months in gaol for fraud, and on her release she found herself without friends and without a home, or means to provide one. The prosecutor's wife, out of sympathy, took her in, provided her with lodgings, and fed her, without asking for a penny in return. The accused required these acts of generosity by robbing her benefactors. She took the things and sold them as rag at a shop at Balham.—Mr. Denman said she was a creature of gross ingratitude, and committed her to prison for fourteen days, with hard labour.

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